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**PRIOR ART STATEMENT**

Enclosed is the application of Joseph C. Hurlburt  
for United States Letters Patent for an ALL WHEEL DRIVE UTILITY VEHICLE WITH  
BOGEY BEAM SUSPENSION.

The prior art listed below, copies of which are enclosed, is the closest prior art of which  
I am aware.

3,183,991	5/18/65	Gamaunt
4,706,770	11/17/87	Simon
6,536,545	3/25/03	Hurlburt
6,557,661	5/6/03	Hurlburt
6,601,665	8/5/03	Hurlburt

Gamaunt discloses a four wheeled vehicle with a rear extension single axle  
vehicle. All three axle shafts are driven, with the middle and rear axles rotatable about the  
longitudinal axis of the vehicle and the rear axle also pivoting in the vertical plane.

Simon discloses a five wheel vehicle with the unsuspended rear and middle axles  
interconnected by chains and the middle axle including a differential.

Hurlburt ('545 and '665) describe the structure and operation of a bogey beam  
suspension for a six wheeled utility vehicle that has its rear axle driven, and a chain drive  
delivering power to the middle axle.

Hurlburt ('661) describes the structure and operation of a bogey beam suspension  
for a four wheeled utility vehicle that has only its rear axle driven.

Respectfully submitted.



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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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